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**PSC PLANS NO HEARING ON
MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE'S REQUEST FOR ETC DESIGNATION
UNLESS HEARING IS REQUESTED BY AUG. 15**

The state Public Service Commission will not hold a hearing on Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative's application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the Lewistown exchange area unless someone requests a hearing by August 15. The PSC had scheduled a hearing to be held in this case, but cancelled it because no party to the proceeding opposes the Mid-Rivers application.

Designation as an ETC would allow Mid-Rivers to receive federal universal service support for qualifying services in the Lewistown exchange area.

Any person directly affected by the application may request a hearing by filing a request with the PSC, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P. O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601, no later than August 15.

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